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President Cleveland and the Civil Service.

Mr. Carl Schurz, as president of the National Civil Service Reform Association, taking a sort of official view of President Cleveland, does not regard him as enough a civil service reformer to hurt. The President's case is not so bad that all hope of recovery is gone.

In the opinion of Mr. Schurz some things in the civil service may have gone very well under this administration, but in the treasury department reform has slipped back several administrations. This criticism is not too severe. If there has been anything of civil service reform in the treasury department under Secretary Carlisle it must have been brought about in the absence of Mr. Logan Carlisle, the secretary's son, and without that young man's knowledge and consent.

Mr. Logan Carlisle, upon entering on his duties as headman of the treasury department and dispenser of the spoils, jumped in with a will to do everything he knew how to do in opposition to the spirit of civil service reform, very often in opposition to the spirit of ordinary decency. His triumph on this line of endeavor has been the most distinguished success of this administration. Mr. Schurz has heard about this and, as a civil service reformer, is not happy.

In speaking of the President, Mr. Schurz recalls that there was a time when Mr. Cleveland was supposed to stand "high above the ordinary politician's aspirations and practices." That was when Mr. Cleveland was very little known and before he got well into the business. It is true that he has shown some devotion to the cause of civil service reform by putting a good many of his partisans under its sheltering wing, as he has just done for 2,600 employees of the internal revenue bureau; but this is as likely to be on account of his "offensive partisanship" as from any lofty design to contribute to the reform of the civil service.

Taking one consideration with another it is not strange that the men who have devoted themselves to the cause of civil service reform see with pain that the Cleveland administration has been anything else than a civil service reform propaganda. This is just what they might have expected. They made the mistake of thinking that Mr. Cleveland went into office consecrated to the cause. Now they know that he is not that kind of man.

Free sugar and clover in the senate are as dead as any herring; and the so-called "conservative" senators were not present when those measures died the death. Two tender epitaphs are now in order.

The War on the Veterans.

Gen Dan Sickles never loses an opportunity to defend the pensioned veterans against the aspersion which this administration has cast upon them. In his latest speech in the house on this subject he takes the pension office to account for making war on veterans, very few of whom it has convicted of fraud.

Conviction is not the aim of the administration, for that is a very different matter from charging wholesale frauds. It is much easier to proceed on the assumption that there is a vast amount of fraud and then go in to suspend indiscriminately, advising the suspended pensioners that if they wish to be restored they must prove that they are entitled to the pensions they have been receiving.

This is a new kind of proceeding for which this administration deserves all the credit. General Sickles is a Democrat, but he wants none of that peculiar sort of credit. He prefers that the veterans of the Union shall have justice.

Ir Seelye were back in his old place knowing all that he knows now the bank would never lose a dollar through him. He understands perfectly by this time that dishonesty does not pay.

Life Insurance Thugs.

The fiendish cupidity of a cabal of villains which resulted in the murder of Catherine King, of Minneapolis, and who hoped to secure the life insurance they had induced her to take out, has been balked by the arrest of the chief murderer, and the assurance has been given that his accomplices in crime will soon be apprehended.

While the scheme of insuring the lives of persons and then murdering them for the money is not new, the case of Miss King is peculiarly atrocious from many points of view. Here was

a young and trusting girl whose acquaintance these diabolic conspirators sought, and who induced her to take out large policies on her life on the representation that money could be borrowed on them, and a profitable business carried on with the money. Not satisfied with taking her life, they attempted to leave an infamous stain on her memory. Seldom has a more atrocious plot been revealed in the annals of crime.

Fortunately the conspirators failed in their attempt to slay her good name, and her simple trust in alleged friends and her ignorance of the world are all that made her a victim to the wily conspirators.

The frequency of cases similar to Miss King's calls for more than a passing thought. Insurance companies are not to blame, for their objects are humane and beneficial, but at the same a stricter scrutiny of applicants for life insurance, and inquiring into the conditions and circumstances of the applicant, might in some degree lessen the number of tragedies that are chronicled year after year. Life insurance is a good thing, but like all good things, it may be made to serve the basest purposes.

The Cincinnati Tribune remarks: "There is no doubt about it, New York city is a wicked place." Well, where are Cincinnati's pearly gates?

Dealing With Contagious Disease.

Cleveland has an epidemic of scarlet fever serious enough for the authorities to invite physicians to meet to discuss the propriety of closing the public schools. It was the opinion of some of the physicians that closing the schools would be the quickest way to stamp out the disease.

Others thought this was not necessary if teachers would prevent the attendance of pupils from homes where the disease exists, a way of not getting at it which asks the teachers to do something nearly impossible.

In the course of the discussion it was developed that some physicians boast openly that they do not report cases of this kind to the health officer. Similar complaint has been made in Wheeling. Where the law demands this of physicians the law should be complied with or the delinquent given reason to do better next time.

At the Cleveland meeting a physician reported that recently there had been a large attendance of persons at a funeral of a child who died of scarlet fever. A mother was there with two young children, and now those children have the fever. There are mothers in Wheeling who see no reason why they and their children may not attend any funeral, no matter what the cause of death.

Certainly here is a place where the law may take hold with a firm hand. One way to stamp out these diseases is to isolate the cases. A big funeral is not isolation.

CONGRESSMAN W. L. WILSON must have attended another banquet, for he is reported as chiding his party in saying: "To do little or nothing except pass the appropriation bills and the lean list of measures agreed on by some of our party leaders, would justify the charge that the Democratic party is incapable of affirmative and coherent politics." Just so. The party has already been charged, indicted and convicted. Verily, William, your eyes are at last opening.

The American Bell Telephone Company is not feeling the pressure of hard times. It has just declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent and an extra dividend of 1 1/2 per cent out of the surplus earnings for the half year. An investment of 15 per cent a year on stock as freely irrigated as that has been is a very comfortable thing to have.

REPUBLICANS in the house have taken the right stand on the appropriation to put the income tax in operation. They declined to fight the appropriation, on the ground that the measure being a law they would not do anything to prevent its execution. That is good ground to take. Majorities have some rights which minorities should respect. The income tax is bad, but it is not Republican badness.

DEMOCRATS who point with pride to the probability that not more than 85,000 persons will have to pay the income tax do not realize that they are burrowing over a very pronounced type of class legislation. The Democratic party likes to flatter itself that it is against that kind of legislation. But it isn't. See also the sugar tariff.

THERE are columns upon columns of newspaper talk about the probability of a divorce suit between Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and her husband. Who are they that they should not be divorced if either of them be unfit to live with?

On a salary of \$1,700 a year it would take an ordinary man a good many years to save \$75,000. The private secretary to a New York police commissioner is not an ordinary man. Neither is his boss.

THOMAS H. TONGUE wishes to enter the senate from Oregon. Isn't there enough of that sort of thing there already? Tongue et preterea nihil, as the classic writer puts it.

For Doorkeeper of the House.

Sir:—For doorkeeper of the house of delegates of West Virginia, at the coming session, the name of Isaac M. Lock should be favorably considered. Mr. Lock is an old veteran, a member of the U. S. A., and has always been an uncompromising Republican, working faithfully in all campaigns for the principles of his party, and has done good work in placing his county (Barbour) in the Republican column. Mr. Lock will be a candidate for doorkeeper in the house of delegates.

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RANDOM POLITICAL NOTES.

Though much more than a month has passed since the election, the campaign has not been so long gone by that people have forgotten some things that occurred during the eventful weeks preceding the 6th of November. In the light of the course of certain Democratic newspaper organs then people with memories are finding much cause for amusement now. A case in point is the Wheeling Register's persistence in running the Hon. Nelson E. Whitaker for the United States senate in spite of the fact that Mr. Whitaker has never announced himself as a candidate, and so far as the public is aware, has never authorized any one else to announce him. The course of the Register is doubtless thoroughly appreciated by Mr. Whitaker for what it is worth. Though a man of affairs, Mr. Whitaker enjoys a good joke quite as much as anybody, and it is dollars to doughnuts that he is having plenty of fun over the ridiculous figure the Register is cutting in spreading "laffy" all over him, after its violent abuse of him during the campaign. It will be remembered that the character of the Register's campaign against Mr. Whitaker was such as to disgust the entire community, and is popularly believed to have so disgusted many Democrats as to cause them to vote not only for Mr. Whitaker but the entire Republican ticket. The Register's course did not stop short of the most offensive personal abuse of him, and was always directed toward the effort to show that he was unfit to represent the people in a legislative body. He was singled out as the one man on the Republican ticket who must be defeated at all hazards. The result of this assault by the Register was that Mr. Whitaker ran many votes ahead of his ticket.

But that is not all. Even so indiscreet a party organ as the Register can have a motive for a course adopted, and in this case the Register has two motives. The first is so manifest that it is doing no harm. The effort to create the impression that Mr. Whitaker is a candidate for United States senator is partly inspired by a desire to create a disaffection among Republicans. It will not succeed, because Republicans see no reason for a disaffection, and because they have no notion of being led by the Register, or any other Democratic organ. They will settle their own affairs in their own way. The second motive for the Register's course may not be so plain to the general public, though it is perhaps appreciated by Mr. Whitaker and the men who are employed in his mill. During the campaign the Register's vile abuse of Mr. Whitaker, and its falsehoods concerning his legislative record, drew his mill employees about him almost to a man, and the many Democrats among them openly announced their intention of voting for him as a rebuke to his villifiers. At last the Register, in the madness of its desperation, capped the climax by assailing the manhood of every man who worked in the Whitaker mill. Democrats and all in an editorial charging that they had signed an endorsement of Mr. Whitaker's character as an employer of labor, under protest and through fear of dismissal if they refused.

This remarkable break caused such a storm of indignation among the workmen of Wheeling as has seldom been witnessed. Mr. Whitaker's men, without regard to party, especially those who were signers of the document referred to, denounced the Register's libel of them, and workmen all over the city supported them. Democrats who had not before declared their intentions began to openly work for the Republican ticket, and the Register lost their friendship and support. After the election the Whitaker employees indulged in a remarkable demonstration. Hundreds of them marched through a driving rain, carrying banners on which were inscriptions not at all complimentary of the Register, and hailing the election of their favorite as a rebuke to the unclean methods of the Democratic organ, as well as a victory for protection. Many Democrats were in the procession to testify their feeling against the newspaper abuse of Mr. Whitaker, their employer and friend. It was a humiliation for the Register such as few party organs have ever been called upon to experience. The Register realized

when it was too late the effect that all this would have, not only politically, but in a business way. The hundreds of indignant men in the Whitaker mill, and Mr. Whitaker's hundreds of friends in the community outside of the mill, must be pacified. So the Register hit upon the plan of stultifying itself by trying to kill the effect of its own course. In apparent disregard of its attempt to show that Mr. Whitaker was unfit to be a state senator, it began to boom him for United States senator, a position, as I have said, for which he has never announced his candidacy. And this is why Mr. Whitaker and all the Republicans of the state are laughing at the ridiculous figure the Register is making of itself. It cannot recover its lost prestige with the Democratic employees of the Whitaker mill by such a course.

Another echo of the campaign—a case of a campaign liar trying to undo the effect of his work—comes all the way from St. Louis, and has a local interest. The circumstances connected with a brutal assault made on young Tom O'Brien, of this city, during the campaign are still fresh in the minds of the readers of the Intelligencer. It will be remembered that while on a railroad train leaving the city, just across the Marshall county line, he was set upon by two or three men and badly beaten. O'Brien was on his way to the Second district on a political mission. He had been a Democrat, and like many others this year, declared that he could no longer vote the Democratic ticket. The assault on him had to do with a personal incident of the campaign. The Democratic papers, fearing that the affair would make Republican capital, distorted the facts, and told unblushing falsehoods regarding O'Brien's mission at the time of the assault, and other dizzy stories about money furnished him by the Republicans. About that time O'Brien Moore, the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, was over in the Second district writing up the Wilson-Dayton campaign for his paper. He fell in with two or three Wheeling politicians, who gave him an infamously untrue account of the O'Brien assault, and he telegraphed a column of it to the St. Louis paper. The article was so outrageous, so libellous in its character, as well as so grossly untruthful, that but one Democratic paper in West Virginia, the Clarksburg News, had the courage to reproduce it. It was a shocking story and held young O'Brien up as an outcast from home, reflected upon his family relations, and alleged many other things that caused the righteous indignation of all who knew the real circumstances, and especially of O'Brien's father, Col. Thomas O'Brien, than whom West Virginia has no more respected and honored citizen.

The object of the use of the incident by the St. Louis Republic in such a way was to cast a reflection on a distinguished Republican citizen of that city, the Hon. R. C. Kereans, whom the article charged with being engaged in "boodlizing" West Virginia, citing young O'Brien as one of his agents. Of course the whole matter was absurdly untrue, but it was a good story for the Democratic paper at Mr. Kereans' home and was published with flaring headlines. Now, mark what has followed: The St. Louis Republic has been in hot water ever since. The article was so criminally libellous in its nature that there was no way to get out of it. In last Sunday's Republic the Washington correspondent attempts to apologize for it, and thus palliate the aggravation of the offense. Having heard from the home office that something was threatening to drop, he wires his paper that after making inquiries he finds that the story he wrote about young O'Brien was not true, and that he was misinformed as to the facts of the assault. He further says that young Tom O'Brien is "not as black as he was painted to him," etc., etc., and concludes as follows: "If any of the readers of the Republic remember the incident narrated in my dispatch from Berkeley Springs, W. Va., they are hereby requested to moderate their opinions of him." The correspondent gives as his informants, "friends of O'Brien and his father, but who were bitter at the time against the young man because of his political conduct." It would be interesting to know

who these "friends" were. Perhaps the end is not yet.

The Republican primaries Saturday are likely to be well attended. A great deal of interest is shown in the outcome, and the vote will doubtless be large, as it should be. The people are interested in the selection of not only a strong ticket, but one which will be representative of the vital interests of the city of Wheeling. The business men and tax payers of the community are most interested in the selection of good men for the city council. The place to secure good men is at the primaries. No man's business should be so pressing as to prevent him taking the few minutes of time it will require for him to go to the polls.

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